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Mr. Wayne P. Claus  
National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory  
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Dear Mr. Claus:

On June 15, 2006, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the National Plant Germplasm and Biotechnology Laboratory.. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your site.

However, if you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN  
Forester  
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